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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

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To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 20 March 2000 (20.03.00)	
International application No. PCT/US98/09447	Applicant's or agent's file reference 31657-PCT
International filing date (day/month/year) 08 May 1998 (08.05.98)	Priority date (day/month/year)
Applicant LEVY, David, S. et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:
06 December 1999 (06.12.99)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election ☒ was
☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

31657-PCT

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

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The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

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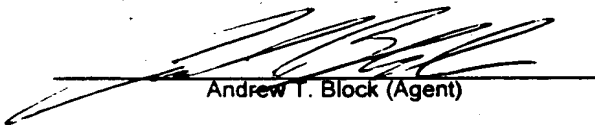
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 applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. (Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying that designation and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. Confirmation must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.)

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM		Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box <input type="checkbox"/>	
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:			
Country <i>(in which, or for which, the application was filed)</i>	Filing Date <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Application No.	Office of filing <i>(only for regional or international application)</i>
item (1)	()		
item (2)	()		
item (3)	()		
Mark the following check-box if the certified copy of the earlier application is to be issued by the Office which for the purposes of the present international application is the receiving Office (a fee may be required):			
<input type="checkbox"/> The receiving Office is hereby requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s): _____			
Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY			
Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used): ISA/US			
Earlier search Fill in where a search (international, international-type or other) by the International Searching Authority has already been out or requested and the Authority is now requested to base the international search, to the extent possible, on the results of that earlier search, such search or request either by reference to the relevant application (or the translation thereof) or by reference to the search request: _____			
Country (or regional Office): _____		Date (day/month/year): _____ Number: _____	
Box No. VIII CHECK LIST			
This international application contains the following number of sheets: 1. request : 4 sheets 2. description : 14 sheets 3. claims : 4 sheets 4. abstract : 1 sheets 5. drawings : 6 sheets Total : 29 sheets		This international application is accompanied by the item(s) marked below: 1. <input type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney 2. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney 3. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature 4. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet 6. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganisms 7. <input type="checkbox"/> nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing (diskette) 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify): Transmittal Letter	
Figure No. _____ of the drawings (if any) should accompany the abstract when it is published.			
Box No. IX SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT OR AGENT			
Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).			
 Andrew T. Block (Agent)			

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1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application: _____ 3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application: _____ 4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2): _____ 5. International Searching Authority specified by the applicant: ISA/	2. Drawings: <input type="checkbox"/> received: <input type="checkbox"/> not received: 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid

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PCT**FEE CALCULATION SHEET**

Annex to the Request

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International application No.

Applicant's or agent's
file reference

31657-PCT

Date stamp of the receiving Office

Applicant

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CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE 240.00 T

2. SEARCH FEE 450.00 S

International search to be carried out by US

(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent in relation to the international application, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)

3. INTERNATIONAL FEE

Basic FeeThe international application contains 29 sheets.first 30 sheets 455.00 b₁0 x = 0.00 b₂
remaining sheets additional amountAdd amounts entered at b₁ and b₂ and enter total at B 455.00 B**Designation Fees**The international application contains 3 designations.3 x 105.00 = 315.00 D
number of designation fees amount of designation fee
payable (maximum 11)

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TOTAL

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8 May 1998

Deposit Account Number

Date (day/month/year)

Signature

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

REC'D 28 JUL 2000

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 31657-PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/US98/09447	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 MAY 1998	Priority date (day/month/year) NONE
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC IPC(6): G02B 6/24, 6/26 and US Cl.: 385/43, 27, 28, 29, 48, 123		
Applicant THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets.
- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority. (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).
- These annexes consist of a total of 0 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 06 DECEMBER 1999	Date of completion of this report 27 JUNE 2000
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US98/09447

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

☐ the international application as originally filed

☒ the description:

pages 1-14, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of

☒ the claims:

pages 15-18, as originally filed
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of

☒ the drawings:

pages 1-4, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of

☒ the sequence listing part of the description:

pages NONE, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in printed form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☒ the description, pages NONE

☒ the claims, Nos. NONE

☒ the drawings, sheets/fig. NONE

5. ☒ This report has been drawn as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

**Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US98/09447

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-17</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1-17</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-17</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>NONE</u>	NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-17 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Stockmann et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,362,357).

Stockmann et al disclose an optical star coupler for multi-mode light conducting fibers comprising input waveguides 2, output waveguides 3, and a mixing element 1 (optical splitter), wherein the mixing element 1 has two sidewalls 23 and 24 which have a concave configuration. Stockmann et al's device is so identical to what Applicant claims that all the Applicant's claimed limitations are inherently met by Stockmann et al's device.

Claims 1-17 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4).

Any responses may be faxed to :

Office of the Special Programs Examiner
Technology Center 2800
703-305-0844

----- NEW CITATIONS -----
NONE

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: Boxes I - VIII

Sheet 10

I. BASIS OF REPORT:

5. (Some) amendments are considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed:
NONE

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

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WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

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International filing date (day/month/year)

08 MAY 1998

Priority date (day/month/year)

NONE

International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC
IPC(6): G02B 6/24, 6/26 and US Cl.: 385/43, 27, 28, 29, 48, 123

Applicant

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1. This written opinion is the first (first, etc.) drawn by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.

2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the opinion
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion.

When? See the time limit indicated above. ~~The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).~~

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.
For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis.
For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.

4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: 08 SEPTEMBER 2000Docketed
For S 130 /2000 By *JS*

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I. Basis of the opinion

1. This opinion has been drawn on the basis of (*Substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed".*):

☒ the international application as originally filed.

☒ the description, pages 1-14, as originally filed.

pages NONE, filed with the demand.

pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

☒ the claims, Nos. 1-17, as originally filed.

Nos. NONE, as amended under Article 19.

Nos. NONE, filed with the demand.

Nos. NONE, filed with the letter of _____

☒ the drawings, sheets/fig 1-4, as originally filed.

sheets/fig NONE, filed with the demand.

sheets/fig NONE, filed with the letter of _____

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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☒ the claims, Nos. NONE

☒ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

3. ☐ This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the ~~Supplemental Box~~ Additional observations below (Rule 70.2(c)).

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

NONE

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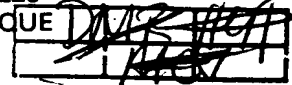
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International application No. PCT/US98/09447	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 May 1998 (08.05.98)	
Priority date (day/month/year)		
Applicant THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK et al		

1. The applicant is hereby informed that the International Bureau has, according to Article 31(7), notified each of the following Offices of its election:
National : CA, JP, US
 2. The following Offices have waived the requirement for the notification of their election; the notification will be sent to them by the International Bureau only upon their request:
None
 3. The applicant is reminded that he must enter the "national phase" before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date before each of the Offices listed above. This must be done by paying the national fee(s) and furnishing, if prescribed, a translation of the international application (Article 39(1)(a)), as well as, where applicable, by furnishing a translation of any annexes of the international preliminary examination report (Article 36(3)(b) and Rule 74.1).
- Some offices have fixed time limits expiring later than the above-mentioned time limit. For detailed information about the applicable time limits and the acts to be performed upon entry into the national phase before a particular Office, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

The International Bureau of WIPO
34, chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland

Facsimile N. (41-22) 740.14.35

Authorized officer:

S. Mehta

Telephone N. (41-22) 338.83.38

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY

EXAMINING AUTHORITY

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To:
HENRY TANG
BAKER & BOTTS, LLP
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, NY 10112 0228

NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT
OF DEMAND BY COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY: 59

(PCT Rules 59.3(e) and 61.1(b), first sentence
and Administrative Instructions, Section 601(c))

Date of mailing
(day/month/year)

16 FEB 2000

Applicant's or agent's file reference

31657-PCT

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No.

PCT/US98/09447

International filing date (day/month/year)

08 MAY 98

Priority date (day/month/year)

Applicant

THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF & NEW YORK

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority considers the following date as the date of receipt of the demand for international preliminary examination of the international application:

06 DEC 1999

2. That date of receipt is:

- ☒ the actual date of receipt of the demand by this Authority (Rule 61.1(b)).
- ☐ the actual date of receipt of the demand on behalf of this Authority (Rule 59.3(e)).
- ☐ the date on which this Authority has, in response to the invitation to correct defects in the demand (Form PCT/IPEA/404), received the required corrections.

3. ☐ **ATTENTION:** That date of receipt is **AFTER** the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Consequently, the election(s) made in the demand does (do) not have the effect of postponing the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)). Therefore, the acts for entry into the national phase must be performed within 20 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 22). For details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II.

- ☐ (If applicable) This notification confirms the information given by telephone, facsimile transmission or in person on:

4. Only where paragraph 3 applies, a copy of this notification has been sent to the International Bureau.

Name and mailing address of the IPEA/
Assistant Commissioner for Patent
Box PCT
Washington, D. 20231 Attn: RO US
Facsimile No. 703-305-3230

Authorized officer
Misty Walker

Telephone No. 703-305-3682

Form PCT/IPEA/402 (July 1998)

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11/8/00

Deadline

The demand must be filed direct
with the one chosen by the appl

the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are
The full name or two-letter code of that Authority must be indicated by the applicant on the line

IPEA/ US

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of
international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and
hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

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Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND	
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference 31657-PCT	
International application No. PCT/US98/09447	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 May 1998 (08.05.98)	(Earliest) Priority date (day/month/year) ()	
Title of invention REDUCED SIZE MULTIMODE INTERFERENCE BASED COUPLER			
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)			
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.) THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK 116th Street and Broadway New York, NY 10027 US		Telephone No.:	
		Facsimile No.:	
		Teleprinter No.:	
State (that is, country) of nationality: US		State (that is, country) of residence: US	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.) LEVY, DAVID S. 4197 Birchwood Avenue Seal Beach, CA 90740 US			
State (that is, country) of nationality: US		State (that is, country) of residence: US	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.) SCARMOZZINO, ROBERT 13 Lancaster Avenue Montrose, NY 10548 US			
State (that is, country) of nationality: US		State (that is, country) of residence: US	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.			

Continuation of Box No. II APPLICANT(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet is not to be included in the demand.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

OSGOOD, RICHARD M., JR.
345 Quaker Street
Chappaqua, NY 10514
US

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:
US

State *(that is, country)* of residence:
US

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

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Further applicants are indicated on another continuation sheet.

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is ☒ agent ☐ common representative
 and ☒ has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.
☐ is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s) /common representative is hereby revoked.
☐ is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official
 The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

TANG, HENRY
 Baker & Botts, LLP
 30 Rockefeller Plaza
 New York, NY 10112-0228
 US

Telephone No.:
 (212) 705-5000

Facsimile No.:
 (212) 705-5020

Teleprinter No.:

☐ Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**Statement concerning amendments:***

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination to start on the basis of:

☒ the international application as originally filed.

the description ☐ as originally filed
☐ as amended under Article 34

the claims ☐ as originally filed
☐ as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)
☐ as amended under Article 34

the drawings ☐ as originally filed
☐ as amended under Article 34

2. ☐ The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. ☐ The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination: English

- ☒ which is the language in which the international application was filed.
☐ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.
☐ which is the language of publication of the international application.
☐ which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby elects all eligible States *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*

excluding the following States which the applicant wishes not to elect:

Box N . VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

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| 1. translation of international application | : | sheets |
| 2. amendments under Article 34 | : | sheets |
| 3. copy (or where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 5. letter | : | sheets |
| 6. other (specify) | : | sheets |

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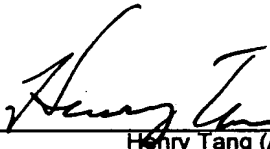
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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> separate signed power of attorney | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> nucleotide and or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: | 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify): Transmittal Letter |

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).


Henry Tang (Agent)

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1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):

3. ☐ The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.

☐ The applicant has been informed accordingly.

4. ☐ The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.

5. ☐ Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

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Demand received from IPEA on:

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand for international preliminary examination

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Applicant THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK					
Calculation of prescribed fees					
1. Preliminary examination fee	490.00 P				
2. Handling fee <i>(Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the amount to be entered at H is 25% of the handling fee.)</i>	162.00 H				
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02-4377	06 December 1999				
Deposit Account Number	Date (day/month/year)				
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<div style="text-align: right;"> Signature </div>					

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION TO THE DESIGNATED OFFICES

(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To: TANG, Henri Baker & Botts, LLP 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10112-0228 ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE	RECEIVED 99 NOV 29 PM 3: 26 HKT DMR AED
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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 18 November 1999 (18.11.99)		IMPORTANT NOTICE	
Applicant's or agent's file reference 31657-PCT			
International application No. PCT/US98/09447	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 May 1998 (08.05.98)	Priority date (day/month/year)	
Applicant THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK et al			

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
JP,US

In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

2. The following designated Offices have waived the requirement for such a communication at this time:
CA

The communication will be made to those Offices only upon their request. Furthermore, those Offices do not require the applicant to furnish a copy of the international application (Rule 49.1(a-bis)).

3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on 18 November 1999 (18.11.99) under No. WO 99/59012

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

REMINDER REGARDING ENTRY INTO THE NATIONAL PHASE (Article 22 or 39(1))

If the applicant wishes to proceed with the international application in the national phase, he must, within 20 months or 30 months, or later in some Offices, perform the acts referred to therein before each designated or elected Office.

For further important information on the time limits and acts to be performed for entering the national phase, see the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 (Notification of Receipt of Record Copy) and Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

Docketed

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No. (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer J. Zahra For 18/2000 by Telephone No. (41-22) 338.83.38
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NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT OF RECORD COPY

(PCT Rule 24.2(a))

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU RECEIVED
Baker & Botts, LLP

To:

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TANG, Henri
Baker & Botts, LLP
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, NY 10112-0228
ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 08 June 1998 (08.06.98)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference 31657-PCT	International application No. PCT/US98/09447

The applicant is hereby notified that the International Bureau has received the record copy of the international application as detailed below.

Name(s) of the applicant(s) and State(s) for which they are applicants:

THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK (for all designated
States except US)

LEVY, David, S. et al (for US)

International filing date : 08 May 1998 (08.05.98)

Priority date(s) claimed :

Date of receipt of the record copy
by the International Bureau : 03 June 1998 (03.06.98)

List of designated Offices :

National : CA, JP, US

ATTENTION

The applicant should carefully check the data appearing in this Notification. In case of any discrepancy between these data and the indications in the international application, the applicant should immediately inform the International Bureau.

In addition, the applicant's attention is drawn to the information contained in the Annex, relating to:

- ☒ time limits for entry into the national phase;
- ☒ confirmation of precautionary designations;
- ☒ requirements regarding priority documents.

A copy of this Notification is being sent to the receiving Office and to the International Searching Authority.

ON DOCKET FOR

8/8/99, 1/8/00

Pre-Deadline

No priority date claimed

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No. (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer: H. Zhou Telephone No. (41-22) 338.83.38
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INFORMATION ON TIME LIMITS FOR ENTERING THE NATIONAL PHASE

The applicant is reminded that the "national phase" must be entered before each of the designated Offices indicated in the Notification of Receipt of Record Copy (Form PCT/IB/301) by paying national fees and furnishing translations, as prescribed by the applicable national laws.

The time limit for performing these procedural acts is **20 MONTHS** from the priority date or, for those designated States which the applicant elects in a demand for international preliminary examination or in a later election, **30 MONTHS** from the priority date, provided that the election is made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date. Some designated (or elected) Offices have fixed time limits which expire even later than 20 or 30 months from the priority date. In other Offices an extension of time or grace period, in some cases upon payment of an additional fee, is available.

In addition to these procedural acts, the applicant may also have to comply with other special requirements applicable in certain Offices. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the necessary steps to enter the national phase are taken in a timely fashion. Most designated Offices do not issue reminders to applicants in connection with the entry into the national phase.

For detailed information about the procedural acts to be performed to enter the national phase before each designated Office, the applicable time limits and possible extensions of time or grace periods, and any other requirements, see the relevant Chapters of Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide. Information about the requirements for filing a demand for international preliminary examination is set out in Chapter IX of Volume I of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

GR and ES became bound by PCT Chapter II on 7 September 1996 and 6 September 1997, respectively, and may, therefore, be elected in a demand or a later election filed on or after 7 September 1996 and 6 September 1997, respectively, regardless of the filing date of the international application. (See second paragraph above.)

Note that only an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II has the right to file a demand for international preliminary examination.

CONFIRMATION OF PRECAUTIONARY DESIGNATIONS

This notification lists only specific designations made under Rule 4.9(a) in the request. It is important to check that these designations are correct. Errors in designations can be corrected where precautionary designations have been made under Rule 4.9(b). The applicant is hereby reminded that any precautionary designations may be confirmed according to Rule 4.9(c) before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date. If it is not confirmed, it will automatically be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant. There will be no reminder and no invitation. Confirmation of a designation consists of the filing of a notice specifying the designated State concerned (with an indication of the kind of protection or treatment desired) and the payment of the designation and confirmation fees. Confirmation must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.

REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PRIORITY DOCUMENTS

For applicants who have not yet complied with the requirements regarding priority documents the following is recalled.

Where the priority of an earlier national (i.e., national or regional) application is claimed, the applicant must submit a copy of the said national application, certified by the authority with which it was filed ("the priority document") to the receiving Office (which will transmit it to the International Bureau) or directly to the International Bureau, before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date (Rule 17.1).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau. Such request must be made before the expiration of the 16-month time limit.

It is recalled that, where several priorities are claimed, the priority date to be considered for the purposes of computing the 16-month time limit is the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed.

If the priority document concerned is not submitted to the International Bureau before the expiration of the 16-month time limit, or if the request to the receiving Office to transmit the priority document has not been made (and the corresponding fee, if any, paid) before the expiration of this time limit, any designated State may disregard the priority claim.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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BAKER & BOTTS, L.L.P.

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To: HENRY TANG
BAKER & BOTTS, LLP
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK, NY 10112 0228

NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF ~~THE~~ **THE**
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT ~~AND~~
OR THE DECLARATION **new**

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 31657-PCT	Date of Mailing (day/month/year) 22 OCT 1998
International application No. PCT/US98/09447	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 MAY 1998
Applicant THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK	

1. ☒ The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report has been established and is transmitted herewith.
Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:
 The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally 2 months from the date of transmittal of the international search report; however, for more details, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO
 34, chemin des Colombettes
 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland
 Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.
2. ☐ The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.
3. ☐ With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:
 - ☐ the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
 - ☐ no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.
4. **Further action(s):** The applicant is reminded of the following:
 Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in rules 90 bis 1 and 90 bis 3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.
 Within 19 months from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later).
 Within 20 months from the priority date, the applicant must perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before all designated Offices which have not been elected in the demand or in a later election within 19 months from the priority date or could not be elected because they are not bound by Chapter II.

Name and mailing address of the ISA/US Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231 Facsimile No. (703) 305-3230	Authorized officer YISUN SONG Telephone No. (703) 305-5437
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Form PCT/ISA/220 (January 1994)★

*24 Cited
Ref Received
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(See notes on accompanying sheet)

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 31657-PCT	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US98/09447	International filing date (day/month/year) 08 MAY 1998	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) NONE
Applicant THE TRUSTEES OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).
2. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).
3. ☐ The international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing
 - ☐ filed with the international application.
 - ☐ furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,
 - ☐ but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ transcribed by this Authority.
4. With regard to the title,
 - ☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - ☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the abstract,
 - ☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - ☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is:
Figure No. 3
 - ☐ as suggested by the applicant.
 - ☒ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
 - ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.
 - ☐ None of the figures.

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

NEW ABSTRACT

The Multimode Interference coupler according to the invention has smoothly continuous inwardly tapered sidewalls (301) which define the width of the multimode region (W1) along the propagation axis of the device. The inward taper causes the average width of the device to be reduced in comparison to known couplers having straight sidewalls (202). Further, the invention allows the access waveguides (303, 309) to remain sufficiently spaced, while reducing the overall length of the device, to avoid lithographic gap fill-in and unwanted optical coupling between the access waveguides.

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

☐ the international application as originally filed

☒ the description:

pages 1-14, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of

☒ the claims:

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pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE, filed with the demand
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☒ the drawings:

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4. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☒ the description, pages NONE
- ☒ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☒ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. statement

Novelty (N)

Claims NONE

YES

Claims 1-17

NO

Inventive Step (IS)

Claims NONE

YES

Claims 1-17

NO

Industrial Applicability (IA)

Claims 1-17

YES

Claims NONE

NO

2. citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Claims 1-17 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by Stockmann et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,362,357).

Stockmann et al disclose an optical star coupler for multi-mode light conducting fibers comprising input waveguides 2, output waveguides 3, and a mixing element 1 (optical splitter), wherein the mixing element 1 has two sidewalls 23 and 24 which have a concave configuration. Stockmann et al's device is so identical to what Applicant claims that all the Applicant's claimed limitations are inherently met by Stockmann et al's device.

Claims 1-17 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4).

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Sheet 10

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